

# Governor's Leadership in the Arts Award

## **2007 Public Leadership Award presented to Representative Sheryl Allen**

*Presented by 2007 First Lady of Utah,  
Mary Kay Huntsman*

In December 2006, Representative Sheryl Allen was awarded the first Public Leadership in the Arts Award for a state legislator. It was given by Americans for the Arts and the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Representative Allen is the director of the Davis School District Foundation. She co-chairs Davis Reads, a one-book/one community program that has promoted the Lemony Snickett books, C.S. Lewis' *The Chronicles of Narnia* and David McCullough's *1776*. She obtained sponsorship funding for a presentation promoting science that included Homer Hickman, author of the *Rocket Boys* series, and world-renowned author David McCullough. Every year, she encourages all principals to apply for Utah Arts Council art education funding.

Through her influence, visiting the Davis School District offices is like visiting a museum. The district supports exhibitions in its foyer and board of education room and highlights framed work and exhibition cases in halls and offices. Representative Allen demonstrates support of the arts in her professional work as well, through her legislative endeavors.

